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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto HAZAMA

Confirmation No.: 5226

Serial Number: 10/003,120

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Andrew A. Kenedy

For: METHOD OF DETERMINING A BASE SEQUENCE FOR NUCLEIC ACID

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

May 17, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A petition for a two-month extension of the time period for response is submitted with this paper.